

REMARKS

This response is submitted in response to a Final Office Action transmitted on July 3, 2007. Claims 1-24 were pending at the time the Final Office Action was issued. Applicants hereby amend claims 1, 15-16, and 23. Claims 1-24 remain pending.

Applicants respectfully express their appreciation to Examiner Pham for the telephone interview held on August 15, 2007, during which the Examiner discussed the disposition of this case with the undersigned attorney. Specifically, the Examiner and the undersigned attorney discussed the objections to the 37 CFR § 1.131 Declaration filed by the Applicants.

Also, the Examiner and the undersigned attorney discussed the amendment of the independent claims to include a “string execution” element. During the course of the discussion, Applicants reiterated that in the prior telephone interview conducted on March 12, 2007, the Examiner and Applicants agreed that the disclosures of U.S. Publication 2004/0153995 to Polonovski *et al.* (hereinafter “Polonovski”) did not include teachings related to the execution of a string.

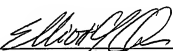
Accordingly, it is believed that agreement was reached with Examiner that the addition of a “string execution” element to each of the independent claims 1, 15, and 23 is sufficient to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejections of those claims, as well as claims dependent therefrom, based on the disclosures of Polonovski.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-24 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment, as well as consideration and prompt allowance of the claims. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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